

called within North-Britain; which my Lord Provost (or my Lord Mayor, it being the same Office) represented to the Council; who gave him their Thanks for the Zeal they shew'd, and the Readiness they were in to serve the Queen, and order'd them to proceed. Accordingly in two Days time they had Subscriptions for 1200 Men; the Command of whom they tender'd to my Lord Leven, who accepted the same.

From on Board the Orford in the Downs, March 26. Yesterday about nine in the Morning (being then about N. N. E. eight Leagues from Dunkirk) we saw 14 Sail of Ships from the N. N. W. to us, upon which we made Signal to the Commanding Officer, that we saw Ships, and that we would speak with him. After speaking with the Commander, it was thought proper that this Ship should go down to make them perfectly seen after we were away, we perceiv'd a white Flag at the Main-Top-mast Head of one of their Ships, and observ'd the same Ship make Signal for drawing into a Line of Battle, which was immediately form'd; but three of their Ships being almost as far Weatherly as we were, tho' about two Leagues to the Northward, we crowded all we could to get between them and their main Body, but they perceiv'd our Design, and tack'd to favour, by which we were prevented. All we could then do was to view 'em; seven or eight of their Ships appear'd to be from 40 to 70 Guns, the others from 30 to 24. It proving little Wind last Night we came to an Anchor to stop the Flood, and prevent their getting to the Westward of us, so that this Morning we saw only five Sail, and those at a great Distance. There was hereupon a Consultation of all the Captains, on board the Commodore; where it was agreed, that in Consideration of the Number and Strength of the Enemies Ships, it was improper to continue longer in that Station, and resolv'd to return to the Downs for further Orders.

From on Board the Weymouth in the Downs, March 26. On the 23d Instant we receiv'd Orders from the Commander of the Swiftsure to sail for Ostend, and know if Major-General Cadogan had any Orders for the Ships off Dunkirk, but it proving close and dirty Weather, with fresh Gales, we could not venture in with Land till yesterday Morning. At six of the Clock we weigh'd with fair Weather, and stood in for Ostend Road, where we came to an Anchor about Noon, the Wind at W. by S. At that time we saw Ships to Leeward plying to Windward, which we judg'd to be French. About two in the Afternoon we saw 12 more in the Offing, standing in for the Shore, three of the Headmost coming within a League of us, who keeping their Wind, we were in hopes the rest were some of our Ships in chase of 'em, but about four of the Clock the nine Sail stood in fair with us near random Shot, bearing French Colours; upon which we cut our Cable, and endeavour'd to force our way through them, in which we succeeded so well, that tho' we paid by the greatest part of their Line, we receiv'd not one Shot from them, though within point blank six of them at once bore down upon us, with design, as we suppos'd to board us; but after near an Hour's Chase they clapp'd again upon a Wind and left us. The two Ships that we first saw to Leeward, chas'd us at some distance till Night, by the Favour of which we lost 'em. Of the nine Sail, the Commodore appear'd to be a Ship of 50 Guns, three others of 40, and the rest of 20 and under. At 9 of the Clock we tack'd, in hopes to meet with the Squadron we belong'd to, and stood to the Southward till 11, at which time the Tide of Flood being made, and there proving little Wind, we were oblig'd to Anchor in 25 Fathom Water. At six this Morning we weigh'd, with a moderate Gale at S. E. and saw four Sail of great Ships, but in making after them we found there were eight, and to Windward six more in another Squadron, all standing for Dunkirk. We stood with 'em till nine of the Clock, but seeing we gain'd very little of them, and not finding our own Ships, we made the best of our way to this Place, to make a Report of what we had observ'd.

Whereas one of Her Majesty's principal Secretaries of State receiv'd a Letter on Thursday last by the Posts subscrib'd E. I. and dated March 23, 1707-8. promising discovery of several indirect Practices; if the Person who sent the said Letter will come to the House of the Secretary of State, to whom he directed it, or will transmit the Particulars mention'd in the said Letter, he may be assur'd of Privacy and all fitting Encouragement.

A General Court of all the Adventurers of the Royal African Company of England is appointed to be held at the African-House in Leadenhall-street, upon Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of this Instant March, at 4 a Clock in the Afternoon, upon Business relating to the said Company.

A General Court of the Corporation of the Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office, will be held at Stationers-Hall on Friday the 30th of April next, from two till seven in the Afternoon, for choosing Directors for the ensuing Year; and the Members of the said Society are desir'd to take Notice, that no Person can have a Vote who is in arrears for Lady-day last, pursuant to a By-Law made the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of November, 1706.

N. B. No Lists will be taken after seven a Clock.

#### Advertisements.

LOff the 26th of this Instant March 1708, in the Afternoon, between the Mine-Adventure-Office on Snow-hill, and the Sword-Blade-Office in Birch-lane, a large blue Turkey-Leather Pocket-Cafe, in which were the following Notes: Six Bank-Notes, viz. No. 114. for 15 l. No. 252. for 20 l. No. 112. for 85 l. No. 213. for 10 l. No. 30. for 65 l. 13 s. No. 7. for 35 l. Three Sword-Blade Notes, viz. No. 47. for 12 l. 10 s. No. 19. for 23 l. 10 s. No. 30. for 30 l. One Note under the Hand of Mr. Richard Merfion, for 100 l. payable to Mr. William Scrimpslaw, dated the 22<sup>th</sup> Instant; one Note under the Hand of Mr. Crofts, for 30 l. payable to Mr. John Mead, one Note under the Hand of Mr. Edward Fisher, for 25 l. one Policy of Assurance, and several other Papers and Notes. If the said Notes, &c. should be offer'd in Payment, Discount, or otherwise, you are desir'd to stop them, and give speedy Notice to Mr. John Grigsby, Cashier to the Sword-Blade Company, at their Office in Birch-lane, and you shall have Five Guineas Reward; they being of no use to any but the Owner; Payment being stop'd.

SIR William Read, Her Majesty's Occulist, being sent for to attend several Persons in and about the City of Cambridge, to be there, and at St. Edmund's-bury, to be advised withal for six Months, having cured many in Cambridge, not only of Cancer, but of the most difficult Diseases of the Eyes, with that success, that he has a Testimonial for the same from the Vice-Chancellor, and the Heads of the University, as he has also his Certificate, which is Matter of Fact; and is now at the Role a Surgeon, where the Poor, that are recommended by the University, or Town to him, are cured gratis; and at the Bath of St. Mary, every other Week. His Brother, Mr. Brinsden, is constantly to be advis'd with in all Diseases of the Eyes, at Sir William's House in Durham-yard, where he has lately cured many blind Persons. W<sup>hereas</sup> William Croke of Rowde in Wilts, Surgeon, hath surrendred himself, and been examin'd by the Commissioners intend to meet the 9<sup>th</sup> of April next at 10 o'Clock Noon, at the Crown-Inn in the Devezes in Wilts; where his Creditors are to attend and prove their Debts, pay their Contributions, and assent to or dissent from his Certificate.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt against Thomas Hornby, late of Liverpool in Lancashire, Chapman, intend to meet at the Golden-Lion in Liverpool aforesaid, at 11 o'Clock the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of April next, to make a Dividend of the Bankrupt's Estate; when and where all his Creditors are to come forward to prove their Debts, and pay their Contribution-mony, and to be excluded the Dividend.

W<sup>hereas</sup> John Pym, late of London, Merchant, hath surrendred himself (pursuant to notice) and been twice examin'd, and is to give Notice, that he will attend the Commissioners at the 10<sup>th</sup> of April next, at 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the Irish Chamber in the Court-hall, London, to finish his Examination; where the Creditors are desir'd to come prepar'd to prove Debts, pay Contribution-mony, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. A Commission of Bankrupt being awarded against Thomas Waley of London, Chapman, and he being declar'd a Bankrupt, is requir'd to surrender himself to the Commissioners, who will on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> of April next, at 3 o'Clock, at the Court-hall, London; at the first of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepar'd to pay their Contribution-mony, prove their Debts, and take their Assignees. And all Persons that are indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or other Effects of his in their Hands, are not to pay or deliver the same to any Person, but such as the Commissioners shall appoint.

W<sup>hereas</sup> John Parsons, late of London, Merchant, a firm before his Bankruptcy, took out a Commission of Bankruptcy against Daniel Sadler, for Money awarded him by three Persons appointed Referees when the said Sadler was beyond Sea in Her Majesty's Service, without his Knowledge or Consent; and Award, with the Charges, the said Daniel Sadler having paid (200 l. in the Pound) and no other Creditors appearing, the said Sadler's Notice in the Gazette has been given: These are to come to the said Commission is superceeded under the Great Seal of Great Britain; and all Persons that owe him Money, or have Effects of his, are to pay and deliver the same to the said Daniel Sadler, or his Order.

W<sup>hereas</sup> Robert Phillips of Wiveliscombe, in the County of Somerset, Grocer, hath surrendred himself (pursuant to Notice) and having been once examin'd; these are therefore to give Notice, that he will attend the Commissioners on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, and the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, at 10 of the Clock in the Forenoon, at the House of John Vincent, being the Swan in Wiveliscombe, in the County of Somerset, to finish his Examination; where the Creditors are desir'd to come prepar'd to prove Debts, pay Contribution-mony, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

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